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1. In a closed meeting of the Economic Committee of the SED in Leipzig on 20 January 1947, Minister of Economics Dieker of the Saxony Land government commented on the January declaration of Marshal Sokolovsky concerning increased production in the Russian Zone. Dieker said that there would be "serious consequences" in public opinion if the Germans were informed of the real meaning of the Sokolovsky declaration. According to Dieker, the declaration does not mean that there will be any increase in production of consumer goods for the German population. The Russians merely plan an administrative reorganization of German deliveries, whereby Russian purchasing agencies will receive a large share of the production that has formerly been taken by the Russians on their reparations account.

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23. [REDACTED] since Sokolovsky's statement in January reparations quotas have in effect been reduced, but that at the same time Russian purchasing agencies have been established, whose job is to buy up agricultural and industrial products. Reparations orders have first priority, and orders for the Russian purchasing agencies come next. For example, the "Osobtorg" in February 1947 purchased 120,000 tons of sugar for delivery by the end of the month.

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